

## WIRELESS COMBINE

Marconi and De Forrest Companies to Unite.

CAPITAL SAID TO BE \$20,000,000

New Merger Under Name of United Telegraph Company Will Seek Control of Business in English-Speaking Countries—Abraham White to Be President of the New Company.

According to an announcement made here by a man who claimed to be authorized to make a combination has been formed to control commercial wireless telegraphy in English-speaking countries. The new combination, it was explained, will be composed of the American De Forrest Wireless Telegraph Company, and the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, limited, of England.

This combination will bring all wireless companies now commercially operating in England, the United States, and Canada under one control. The English Marconi company also controls the Marconi companies of Europe.

The new combination will be called the United Wireless Company, dropping the names of all inventors. It was said that a new system will be acquired, called "multiplex wireless." Under this system it is possible to send or receive messages from one station simultaneously, as many messages as there are operators. By it six messages have been received simultaneously at one receiving station, being sent from six different sending stations.

According to the statement made here yesterday, the plan for the consolidation of the Marconi and De Forrest companies, has been worked out at a series of conferences at "White Park," West End, N. J., the home of the late John T. McCall, formerly president of the New York Life Insurance Company.

Abraham White, president of the American De Forrest Company, recently purchased the "Shadow Law," and renamed it "White Park."

For several months he has been entertaining parties of American and foreign scientists and capitalists, during which the plans for the combination were discussed. Last Sunday Mr. White announced to his guests that the plans had been perfected and a public announcement would soon be made.

The United Telegraph Company will be capitalized at \$20,000,000, and Mr. White will be president.

## BUCHANAN'S TRIP PERSONAL

State Department Denies He Is Representing Secretary Root.

At the State Department yesterday it was emphatically denied that William L. Buchanan, formerly United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, had gone to Cuba on a special mission for Secretary of State Root.

A dispatch from Havana announced Mr. Buchanan's arrival in Cuba, and said he had gone to make a study of the situation with reference to the elections to be held in the province of Pinar del Rio. It was also stated that later Mr. Buchanan was going to Colombia to assist in the negotiation of a treaty between that country and Panama.

At the State Department it was said Mr. Buchanan has gone to Cuba purely on a personal trip, and that he is representing the department in no sense.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Washington, Thursday, Nov. 15, 1906.—3 p. m.

The moderate northerly disturbance developed into a storm as it moved northeastward, and is central tonight over Long Island Sound. It has been attended by general rains and snow in the Atlantic States and local snow in the Ohio Valley and Lower Lake region, and also severe northeast gales on the New England and Long Island coasts. Another storm has also moved in from the North Pacific coast, being central tonight just north of Central Montana. This storm is not so well defined as the one in the West Atlantic coast, although the pressures are lower, and it is attended by rains and snow from the North Pacific States eastward through North Dakota and southward into the Middle States. In the central portion of the country the weather has been generally cloudy, but without precipitation of consequence.

Temperature has changed but little, except in the districts west of the Rocky Mountains, where it is colder.

There will be rain or snow Friday over the entire Northwest and Central West, the Upper Lake region, the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and on Saturday in the Central valleys, the Lake region, and probably the West Gulf States. There will be rain or snow Friday in New England. It will be partly cloudy Friday and Saturday in the Middle Atlantic States and the Southeast, and fair west of the Rocky Mountains.

It will be colder Friday in the Middle South and the Northeast, and in the Middle valleys, followed by falling temperature Saturday.

The winds along the New England coast will be high tonight to northeast, and on the Atlantic coast brisk to high northeast, on the North Atlantic coast light to fresh northeast to north; on the East Gulf coast light to fresh northeast to southeast; on the West Gulf coast light to fresh northeast to north; on the Lower Lakes fresh northerly, possibly brisk on Ontario, becoming variable, and on the Upper Lakes southerly, strong to brisk.

Steamers departing Friday for European ports will have brisk high north to northwest winds, with snow or rain north of Cape Cod.

## Local Temperatures.

Midnight, 41; 2 a. m., 38; 4 a. m., 36; 6 a. m., 34; 8 a. m., 32; 10 a. m., 30; 12 m., 28; 2 p. m., 26; 4 p. m., 24; 6 p. m., 22; 8 p. m., 20; 10 p. m., 18; 12 m., 16.

Relative humidity, 75; 2 a. m., 72; 4 a. m., 68; 6 a. m., 64; 8 a. m., 60; 10 a. m., 56; 12 m., 52; 2 p. m., 48; 4 p. m., 44; 6 p. m., 40; 8 p. m., 36; 10 p. m., 32; 12 m., 28.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 47; minimum, 20.

## Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twelve hours ended at 2 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Asheville, N. C.	32	28	28	0.01
Atlanta, Ga.	40	32	36	0.01
Baltimore, Md.	40	32	36	0.01
Bismarck, N. Dak.	28	20	24	0.24
Boston, Mass.	42	38	40	0.02
Buffalo, N. Y.	28	20	24	0.01
Chicago, Ill.	42	38	40	0.01
Cincinnati, Ohio	42	38	40	0.01
Cleveland, Ohio	42	38	40	0.01
Davenport, Iowa	28	20	24	0.01
Denver, Colo.	28	20	24	0.01
Des Moines, Iowa	28	20	24	0.01
Galveston, Tex.	70	58	68	0.01
Havana, Mont.	40	32	36	0.01
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	38	40	0.01
Jacksonville, Fla.	62	54	56	0.01
Kansas City, Mo.	42	38	40	0.01
Little Rock, Ark.	42	38	40	0.01
Marquette, Mich.	28	20	24	0.01
Memphis, Tenn.	42	38	40	0.01
New Orleans, La.	42	38	40	0.01
New York, N. Y.	40	32	36	0.01
North Platte, Neb.	28	20	24	0.01
Ocala, Fla.	42	38	40	0.01
Pittsburg, Pa.	42	38	40	0.01
San Francisco, Cal.	62	54	56	0.01
St. Louis, Mo.	42	38	40	0.01
St. Paul, Minn.	42	38	40	0.01
Springfield, Ill.	42	38	40	0.01
Vicksburg, Miss.	42	38	40	0.01

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## ORNITHOLOGISTS CLOSE SESSION

Final Lecture on Bird Life in Great American Desert.

Club and Society Meetings To-day.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY—Post-graduate meeting at National Rifle Range, 929 G street northeast, 8 p. m.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, D. OF P., G. A. R.—Meeting commemorating founding of organization at 1201 Tenth, 7:30 p. m.

U. S. GRANT POST, G. A. R.—Meeting in G. A. R. Hall, Pennsylvania avenue, between Fourth and Fifteenth streets.

WASHINGTON AUXILIARY OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION—Meeting in home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Spencer, 3 p. m.

HIRAM LODGE, F. A. A. M.—Meeting this evening at Pennsylvania avenue and Nineteenth street northeast.

LOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE ARCHAEOLICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA—Fifth annual meeting, at residence of president, 1223 Eighteenth street northeast, 8:30 p. m.

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY—Pythian Temple.

The annual congress of the American Ornithologists' Union came to a close yesterday afternoon with a lecture by Mr. H. C. Oberholser on "The Trials of a Naturalist in Nevada." Mr. Oberholser, with the aid of stereoscopic views, gave an excellent idea of the plant, bird, and animal life in the great American desert. Following this, Mr. T. G. Pearson closed the convention with a short talk on some of the Carolina birds. Mr. Pearson spoke about many of the species of water birds which he found in the swamp regions of that State.

## Lectures on Velasquez.

At the monthly meeting, last evening, of the Society of Fine Arts, at Hubbard Memorial Hall, Royal Cortissoz, of New York, delivered a lecture on Velasquez.

Mr. Cortissoz discussed the artist as a man rather than as a great master. By means of stereoscopic views, the tendency of modern painters to follow the style which Velasquez achieved was plainly shown by the lecturer. Preceding the lecture a short business meeting was held and certain resolutions adopted.

## MAY AUCTION OFF ELEPHANTS

Uncle Sam Tires of Feeding Them Baled Hay by Carload.

Owner Has Pachyderms Under Bond Trying to Earn Price, and Reynolds Heaves Sigh of Relief.

The prospect is that the four elephants which have been added to the burdens of the people by eating several bales of hay each day, at the expense of the government, will be restored to their former owner upon payment of legal penalties and charges.

They were seized by the customs authorities at Buffalo because the Treasury Department decided the owner had undervalued them. The animals have now been delivered to the owner under bond. He will exhibit them. If he makes enough, it is probable he will again have title to the beasts. He will have to pay not only the tariff charges, but their appraised value as well.

If they are not redeemed under the bond now outstanding, the elephants will be sold at public auction. The latest appraisement places their value at \$1,000 each.

James Reynolds, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, breathed a sigh of relief when he heard the news. In Mr. Reynolds' opinion, everybody in Washington read in the morning newspapers that the Assistant Secretary sent him four toy elephants, and felt obliged to call up Mr. Reynolds on the telephone to give him advice as to how to dispose of his embarrassing charges. Some facetious friend of the pachyderms in his office, plaster of paris, iron, wood, and cloth.

## TO REGISTER CONSUMPTIVES

Committee on Prevention Will Ask Special Legislation.

Advanced Idea Presented for Prevention of Spread of Tuberculosis Produces Argument.

The committee on the prevention of consumption will, at the coming session of Congress, present a bill providing for the confidential registration with the health department of the District of all consumptives and the free examination of samples presented by the attending physicians or the proper officials of any hospital or dispensary.

At a recent meeting a subcommittee was appointed, with power to take the necessary steps to introduce the bill, and it was arranged for a joint meeting of the three medical societies of the District and the committee, in which one representative appointed by each should present the matter.

A number of doctors expressed themselves as strongly opposed to the compulsory registration of consumptives, if being thought that such registration might involve hardships in many cases.

Those in attendance at the meeting were Dr. D. Percy Hocking, chairman, Gen. George M. Sternberg, Dr. G. W. N. Custis, Dr. Richard Kingsman, Jesse Ramsburgh, Noble P. Barnes, John D. Thomas, James Dudley Morgan, George M. Kober, William C. Rives, George W. Cabaniss, John H. Metzger, Thomas N. Vincent, and Messrs. William H. Baldwin, George S. Wilson, William F. Gude, Charles F. Weller, Dr. H. Hunter, Joseph Strassburger, Thomas W. Smith, and Wallace Hatch.

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## ADOPT A CREDIT PLAN

Bankers Propose Law Authorizing Issue of Notes.

ELASTIC CURRENCY IS INSURED

System Proposed by Commission Provides that a National Institution May Put Out Paper Not Exceeding 25 Per Cent of Its Capital, Tax Will Guarantee Deposits.

A proposed general credit system that, it is hoped, will make currency more elastic and in keeping with the demands of commerce in all parts of the country is the result of the work of the American Bankers' Association commission appointed last month to study means of monetary reform.

The plan, recommended by 9,000 bankers in all parts of the United States and the Chamber of Commerce of New York, will be submitted at the approaching session of Congress. The commission completed its labors yesterday after a four-day session.

The scheme, which was unanimously adopted, proposes that national banks may take out notes in addition to those authorized by the present law. It is stipulated that they be issued, under a tax of 2 1/2 per cent per annum, to the amount of 25 per cent of the bond-secured circulation of an institution, but that they shall not exceed 25 per cent of the capital.

It is intended to prevent any tendency on the part of the banks to sell government bonds now held, in order to avail themselves of the new currency. It is desired that the measure proposed shall not tend to depress the market for government bonds.

Many Checks Provided.

It is not proposed to have any part of the assets of the bank specially pledged to obtain the notes nor hypothecated with any outside authority. The notes will, however, be protected by the same legal reserves as are required by existing law against deposits—in reserve cities, 25 per cent, and in country banks, 15 per cent.

It was decided that the claim of the notes of a failed bank upon the assets of the bank should not be given a prior lien to the lien of the depositors.

Another measure of conservatism proposed, in order to prevent the issue of unnecessary notes by weak banks, is that no bank that lacks a surplus of 20 per cent shall have the power of issuing the new notes.

The tax upon the new issue of notes, at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum, is to be payable semi-annually to the government, and will form a guaranty fund out of which the government will promptly redeem the notes of failed banks.

Pleanty of Funds in Sight.

The commission proposes a further issue up to 12 1/2 per cent of the capital of the bank, to be subject to a tax of 8 per cent per annum on the average amount outstanding, but to bear no relation to the amount of bond-secured currency.

It is provided, however, that no bank may issue an amount of bond-secured and of additional notes that will in the aggregate exceed its capital, so that the total amount of bank notes authorized will not exceed the amount authorized under the present law. In view of the high tax and the reserve required against the new notes, there will be no profit in the issue of this type of notes unless rates for money are very high.

The means for obtaining prompt and frequent redemption of the new notes involves provision for redemption by means connected with the clearing houses, located at convenient points throughout the country. There will be one near every national bank. While the burden of the redemption is placed upon the banks themselves, the rules and regulation governing such redemption are to be established by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Reform Sadly Needed.

The principles of the proposed currency reform are embodied in five typewritten pages. Here are the essential clauses:

"We are unanimously of the opinion that changes in the existing bank-note system are imperatively required. We find that the present volume of bank notes is wholly unresponsive to the demands of commerce. It does not expand with the need for currency in the crop-moving period, causing stringency, nor contract when the uses for currency are less extensive, causing hoarding. We believe that the banks themselves, the rules and regulation governing such redemption are to be established by the Comptroller of the Currency.

"We find that the banks are under the necessity of parting with their reserve money to supply the demand for currency at certain seasons, although that demand would be quite as well satisfied if banks could supply their credit notes instead of depleting their reserves and causing a contraction, injurious to business.

"Adjustment Will Be Automatic.</